WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

An image data printing system comprising: an image data memory device for storing image data therein; a print device including: 4 a first memory section obtaining and storing the image data 5 stored in said image data memory device therein; 6 print data making means for converting the image data stored in said first memory section into print data every time execution of print is instructed; 8 a print section capable of printing an image according to said print data; a second memory section storing the image data stored in said 12 first memory section after the print section has completed 13 printing; and 14 communication device including communication sections for 15 transmitting and receiving the image data which are provided 16 respectively for said image data memory device and said print device, 17 and communication passages for connection said communication 18 sections to each other.

2. The image data printing system according to Claim 1, wherein said image data memory device is provided distantly from said print device.

- 1 3. An image data printing method for printing image data stored
- 2 in an image data memory device by a print device, comprising steps
- 3 of:
- 4 transmitting image data from said image data memory device
- 5 through communication means to said print device;
- storing the image data received by said print device in a
- 7 first memory section of said print device;
 - converting the image data stored in said first memory section into print data that can be printed in a print section of said print
- 10 device;

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- performing a print operation by said print section in
- 12 accordance with said print data; and
- storing the image data stored in said first memory section
- in a second memory section of said print device.

 The image data printing method according to 0
 - 1 4. The image data printing method according to Claim 3, wherein
 - 2 said image data memory device is provided distantly from said print
 - 3 device.
 - 1 5. A print device comprising:
 - 2 /a first memory section capable of storing image data stored
 - 3 in an external image data memory device;
 - 4 print data making means for converting the image data stored
 - 5 in said first memory section into print data every time execution
 - 6 of print is instructed;

7 <u>a print section capable of printing an image according to</u>

8 said print data; and

a second memory section storing the image data stored in said

first memory section after the print section has completed

printing.

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